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## What Lurks Under the Granite?

This week workers continue to cut away the damaged granite façade under the porticos on both the east and west sides of the Capitol. They are using a large wet saw to cut and remove the stone (see 2 photos at right).

However, the question arises:  
**What Lurks Under the Granite?**

Answer: on the east side, there are bricks behind the granite (see 2 photos, below left). On the west side, there is sandstone behind the granite (see larger photo at right).



**Ed Welsh, McAlvain Construction Superintendent,** tells us that the granite removal is going smoothly; nine granite replacement stones arrived on Monday; five more are on the way. At the beginning of next week, workers will begin replacing the stones they have removed. Also, the west elevation sponge jet cleaning is finished, which has been done to find damaged sandstone, mortar joints and sealant, and now workers are repointing mortar joints and sealant and replacing damaged sandstone.

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